

**Vakhtang Badagadze**

(1932–2007)



Vakhtang Badagadze, a remarkable scientist and pedagogue, Candidate of Physical and Mathematical Sciences, an Associate Professor of Tbilisi State University, died on March 9, 2007.

Vakhtang Badagadze was born on October 16, 1932 in the town of Dusheti, Georgia. Here in 1950 he left the secondary school with golden medal and continued his studies at the Department of Mechanics and Mathematics of Tbilisi State University.

After graduating, with honors, the university, he in 1955–58 did his post-graduate studies in A. Razmadze Mathematical Institute of Georgian Academy of Sciences specializing in approximate analysis. In 1961–68 he was the Scientific Secretary of the institute, while in 1968–71 the Senior Researcher. During his work in the institute, he proved to be not only a talented researcher and a highly skilled specialist of approximate analysis, but also as a remarkable organizer of science. The high scientific and personal prestige of the young scientist caused his election as the Head of the Chair of Approximate Analysis and Computer Engineering of Tbilisi State University. At this position he succeeded Academician Shalva Mikeladze, the founder of the chair and his teacher. Vakhtang Badagadze headed the chair in 1971–82, and since 1982 up to his demise he worked there as an Associate Professor.

Vakhtang Badagadze was a pedagogue by nature, being a broadly erudite, thoughtful person of rare generosity. He has exerted a beneficial influence upon many generations of Georgian mathematicians. His students and colleagues will never forget this remarkable person.

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